



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting December 8, 2020 Meeting

Chairman:
John Meade

Committee Members:
Frederick Komenda
Paul Everson
Robert Hazelton
Peter Cross

Council Liaison:
Paul C. Neary

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom due to the Governor's orders regarding COVID19 on December 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman John Meade.

Roll Call:

Board Members present: Chairman John Meade, Frederick Komenda, Paul Everson, and Robert Hazelton

Board Members absent: Peter Cross.

Town Staff present: Derek Lawson, MEA Director; Brian W. Taylor, Harbormaster; Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster/Mooring Officer and Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant

Council Liaison present: Paul C. Neary

Public: Donald Muroe of Coastal Engineering, Don Salamack, Miller, John O'Dea of Sullivan Engineering, John, Eliza Cox, Jim O'Connell, Paul Rhude, Chief Cotuit Fire Department, Andrew Howell, DJ MacKinnon, Franas, Jesse Hurley, Patricia Farinha, Brian Knies, Kevin Conlay, Liza Knies

II. **Meeting Minutes:**

1. Meetings minutes of September 2, 2020 by a motion from Komenda, seconded by Hazelton and by roll call vote, all members present approved the minutes as written.
2. Meetings minutes of September 22, 2020 by a motion from Everson, seconded by Hazelton and by roll call vote, all members present approved the minutes as written.
3. Meetings minutes of October 27, 2020 by a motion from Komenda, seconded by Everson and by roll call vote, all members present approved the minutes as written.

III. **Notices of Intent (NOI):**

1. Salamack, Donald J, 614 Poponessett Road, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map 007/Parcel 002. The applicants propose to shore front protection via a low profile vinyl bulkhead, invasive species management, planting of native vegetation and vegetated berms.

No objections by roll call.

2. Chrisjen Realty Trust, 86 Sand Point, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 073/Parcel 015 002. The applicants propose to preform maintenance dredging to -4 M.L.W. for an area of approximately 150'x70' around their pier. The dredge materials will be used for beach nourishment

Represented by John O'Dae of Sullivan Engineering, he stated that the maintenance dredging has already been approved by the Conservation Commission with the area

**being moved away from the beach a bit.
No objections by roll call.**

3. MacKinnon, Donald J Tr, 33 Oyster Place Road and 910 Main Street, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map 035/Parcel 101 & 090. Removal of 3,000 square feet (s.f.) of an existing historic, solid filled wharf (licensed in 1874), construction of low vinyl bulkheads along 300 s.f. portion, landward relocation of existing rock revetment, installation of pier, ramp, floats. Plantings of halophytic marsh plant species in intertidal zone, and installation of seasonal town office building on 15' x 30' deck at 33 Oyster Place Road, Cotuit Map 035 Parcel 101 and 910 Main Street, Cotuit Map 035 and Parcel 090.

John O'Dea of Sullivan Engineering represented this project which proposes:

- **Removal of concrete bulkhead**
- **Restore intertidal area**
- **Elevated timber pier, ramp and floats**
- **Floating upwellers (proposed, but noted additional licensing is required)**
- **Proposed East side of pier to be used by Cotuit Fire Department emergency vessel and Barnstable Clean Water Coalition's vessel**
- **Frontage of private property 15' x 30' to be deeded to the Town for public benefit/use**
- **Maintain access to the Cotuit Town Dock Dinghy docks**
- **Dawn to dusk public access easement**
- **Salt marsh restoration**

Meade asked for specification on the historic Chapter 91 license. O'Dea stated a new Chapter 91 license would be applied for this project. Fire Chief Rhude stated the opportunity to have a permanent dock with deeper water allowing for bow out docking of the vessel located closer to the parking lot than the currently leased space will speed up response time. Public comments followed in support as well as concerns. Komenda asked what size vessels will be docked on the west side of pier would dock owner's 17 foot Boston Whaler and 32 foot center console.

No objections by roll call

IV. Mooring Appeals: **None**

V. Old Business:

1. FY2021 Transient Mooring Locations.

Taylor reviewed the success of the pilot program for transient moorings and would like to grow the program through adding two transient moorings behind Sandy Neck in Barnstable Harbor Main East Mooring field in deeper water with dinghy dock access in the Town Marina. In Cotuit we want to add another and additional location in Lewis Bay mooring field. Both of these locations have access to a launch services. Taylor will work to with the Army Core of Engineers to get approval for the transient moorings. Potentially create new mooring fields.

2. Update Marina Regulations.

Taylor updated the Committee on the status of the regulations.

3. Update Marina Fees.

Taylor presented the adjustment to the Electrical Transient fees as well as a small fluctuation in price for all Town Transient Dockage to the Town Manager for public hearing.

VI. **New Business:**

1. Flaherty, Kevin, 739 Route 149, Marstons Mills, MA 02648 Aquaculture License

Renewal; Public hearing will be held December 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Notification for public information

2. Kayaks and dinghies registered to moorings

Horn addressed concerns over what appears to be place holders for moorings with kayaks and dinghies. He is looking for the thoughts of the members. Meade is happy to hear this thinking in order to move people off of the waiting lists. Horn stated that Barnstable is the only Town that is allowing vessels smaller than 16 feet. He does feel that 13 feet is a good jumping off point.

- VII. Correspondence: **NONE**

- VIII. Harbormaster Report:

Lots of new changes at MEA, Dan Horn, no relation, retired. We have a new Director Derek Lawson and a new Harbormaster, Brian Taylor. Jay Horn is the new Deputy Harbormaster/Mooring Officer. We have been working very hard to prepare for the renewal season with a new online program, Mooringinfo.

124 people were offered moorings from the wait list and a total of 43 new moorings were issued. We processed 2,306 mooring permits which are just shy of 2019 numbers. So, we basically broke even during a pandemic year. 442 Small vessel decals were issued, 600 calls to service this summer. We were able to keep better track of incidents as they occurred using the new online system. About 85 percent of the moorings were GIS's this year despite being short staffed this season. Due to COVID, a lot of people were out on the water.

- IX. Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair: **NONE**

- X. Adjournment:

There being no further business the Waterways Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a motion made by Komenda and seconded by Everson to adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant